

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

A switching device intended for assembly on an electric printed circuit mounting plate includes contacts to be electrically connected when a switching operation is performed. The switching device includes a switch component associated with an actuator, which allows for an electrical connection to be established between said contacts when it is deflected under pressure transmitted by the actuator. The switching device also includes a base plate equipped with holding means for holding the switch component prior to the assembly of the switching device on the mounting plate, the switch component being disengaged from the holding means when the device is assembled on the mounting plate.